Police Lathicharge on Tribals in Maharashtra

*6. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFARS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the shocking incident of death of more than 120 people and injury to hundreds in a stampede following a police lathicharge on tribals marching towards the Council Hall of the Maharashtra Legislature;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases of Tribals and Dalits demanding their inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes are pending before the Government for years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what steps are proposed to be taken for the disposal of these cases in the light of this demonstration?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) As per information received from the State Government of Maharashtra on 23.11.1994 a morcha by Adiwasi Gowari Samaj Sanghatana (30,000) was taken out in Nagpur towards the Assembly in support of their demand for including Gowari community in the Scheduled Tribe category. The Morcha reached Morris College Stopping Point at 1425 hrs. The Morchaites demanded Tribal Development Minister to visit Morcha at Stopping Point and to address the gathering. The Minister was busy in House in the discussion of Bills. There being no practice of Ministers visiting Morcha at Stopping Point, morchaites and the organisers were requested not to insist for the presence of Minister at morcha Stopping Point. The representatives of morchaites were invited to discuss their demands with Shri Swarup Singh Naik, himself a Tribal, Minister for Forest and State Excise. However, in pursuance of their demand mentioned above the morchaites continued to remain unruly for over two hours. At that time some women, children and aged persons were brought in the front at the instance of organisers. Ladies and others who were on the front pulled the barricades and pushed officers and men to rush towards Assmbly. Police again intervened and prevented them from going towards the Assembly. At that moment of time, at about 1730 hrs., majority of morchaites dashed with great force and broke the police cordon and barricades and indulged in scuffle with police. Apprehending danger to the security of the Assembly it was imperative to disperse the unruly mob. Police resorted to cane charge. Morchaites in the front moved back, but the pressure of the unruly crowd from the back side resulted in heavy stampede. The came charge was ordered to be stopped. When the Crowd receded, Police saw children, women and some men lying on the road. Police immediately took all the injured to medical College Hospital for treatment. On examination, medical officers declared 71 women, 12 boys, 11 girls and 17 men (total-111) dead. About 81 persons were injured and were admitted in various government hospitals. Latest figure of the persons dead is 113 (male 18, boys 12, Girls 12 and women 71). The State Government of Maharashtra has announced cash compensation of Rs. 50,000/- per head to those who have died in the stampede and Rs. 5,000/- to all injured persons who were hospitalised for 24 hours or more. Additional Rs. 50,000/- have been announced to be given to the next of kin of the deceased persons on behalf of the Prime Minister of India.

In the stone pelting by the morchaites before the lathi-charge was ordered, one DCP, one SRPF Commandant, two Assistant Commissioners of Police, one Police Inspector, one Women Inspector, 36 police men and five Women Police Constables sustained injuries.

The State Government of Maharashtra has instituted a High Level Judicial probe into the said incident by a High Court Judge.

(c) and (d) About 1254 proposals on the subject of revision of list, which inter-alia include the issues of inclusion in SC/ST lists, have been received from various States/UTs. The Government of India in the Ministry of Welfare have constituted an Advisory Committee on Revision of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Lists. The report of the Committee is awaited.

देश में पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों की आवश्यकता

*7. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991–92, 1992–93 और 1993–94 के दौरान देश में उत्पादित पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों की कुल मात्रा कितनी-कितनी थी;

(ख) देश में पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों की राज्यवार वर्तमान आवश्यकता कितनी कितनी है ;

(ग) पेट्रोलियम के क्षेत्र में आत्म-निर्भर होने के लिए किए जा रहे उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) वर्ष 1992–93 और 1993-94 के दौरान कच्चे तेल और अन्य पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों पर कुल कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा व्यय की गई तथा वर्ष 1994–95 के दौरान इन पर कुल कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा व्यय किए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ङ) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) देश मे 1992–93 तथा 1993–94 के दौरान उत्पादित प्राकृतिक गैस से एल पी जी तथा एन जी एल सहित पेट्रोलियम उत्पादो की मात्रा क्रमश: लगभग 50576 डी एम टी, 52927 टी एम तथा टी,53800 टी एम टी थी।

(ख) वर्ष 1993–94 के दौरान देश में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की राज्यवार खपत नीचे दी गई है :–

(मात्रा टी एम टी में)

राज्य	1993–94
1	2
आन्ध्र प्रदेश	3925
अरुणाचल प्रदेश	85
असम	881
बिहार	3336
गोआ	657
गुजरात	6005
हरियाणा	1997
हिमाचल प्रदेश	240
जम्मू और कश्मीर	399
कर्नाटक	2888
केरल	2193
मध्य प्रदेश	2783
महाराष्ट्र	10169
मेघालय	118
मणिपुर	67
मिजोरम	39